



Regional Service Council Minutes Region

Meeting Date: April 5, 2006
Meeting Location: Telephone Conference

Council Voting Members Present: At Miami County: Chair Glynn Hipp, DCS Regional Manager, Fay Russell, Miami DCS Director, Marilyn Robinson, Howard DCS Supervisor, Ramona Mahoney, Fulton DCS Family Case Manager. At Cass County: Judge Julian Ridlen. At Howard County: Judge Lynn Murray, Roger Suhre, Howard DCS Director.

Council Voting Members Absent: Barbara Hendrickson, Guardian Ad Litem, Judge Doug Morton, Fulton County, Margery Justice, Wabash County DCS Director,

Others In Attendance: Anita Closson, Cass DCS Director, Connie Harmon, White's Residential

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 4:00 p.m. by Council Chair Glynn Hipp

The Council had a quorum present.

1. Council Members reviewed the minutes of the February meeting. A motion was made and past to approve the minutes as written.
2. Update for IV-B Proposals – Glynn Hipp reported that most of the IV-B work has been completed by the County Directors. Jim Shivley was invited to this RSC meeting but was unable to attend since he is in the process of finalizing the paperwork for the IV-B provider selections approved by the RSC. Glynn reported that Fulton County is making a request to add Lifeline to provide Intensive Family Services. The money will come from part of their IV-B allocation and from the Family and Children account. Fay Russell motioned to approve Lifeline as a IV-B provider for Fulton County and Judge Ridlen seconded the motion. The motioned passed.
3. Community Partners for Child Safety – Last meeting the council gave approval for DCS Directors to find additional vendors for Community Partners for Child Safety. The DCS Directors met on March 7th with Family Services, SCAN (out of Fort Wayne), and Children's Bureau to review their proposals. It was noted that if these services are already

provided within the county and funded through other sources the county does not need to use the selected provider. Based on the proposals, the provider would hire workers for each county, and would provide in-home prevention services and take all of the voluntary services cases. FCM's would be then be focussing their time on CHINS and substantiated cases. In Region 6 we have about \$339,000.00 for the next 30 months to use for this service. Judge Ridlen requested to see a more detailed account as to how this would work and how much it would cost. Judge Ridlen motioned, and Marilyn Robinson seconded approval for DCS Directors and the Regional Manager to meet with the highest scoring service provider to iron out the details of a proposal for services. Motioned passed.

4. The DCS Directors have completed the initial review and scoring of the three proposals. The Children's Bureau proposal was the highest scoring service provider. The Directors and Regional Manager will work out some details and invite the Children's Bureau to meet with the council. The provider will be asked to leave before the Council votes.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting of the RSC will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Miami County Office.

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:25 p.m.